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MONDAY, JUNE 25TH, 1855.

THOMAS ROMNEY ROBINSON, D.D., PRESIDENT,
in the Chair.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE EARL OF CARLISLE, Lord Lieutenant,
attended the meeting.

On the recommendation of the Council, it was Resolved
to place £50 at the disposal of the Council, for the purchase
of Antiquities.

George Petrie, LL.D., read an account of the ancient
shrine or cover of the Gospels of St. Molaise.

J. F. Waller, LL.D., read a paper on the revival of Ita-
lian literature in the fourteenth century, especially in relation
to Dante, Petrarch, and Boccaccio.

Robert Mallet, Esq., read a paper on the bursting of ord-
nance when firing heated shot.

The Rev. Dr. Todd read the following paper by the Rev.
Dr. Hincks on certain animals mentioned in the Assyrian in-
scriptions :—

“ It may be questioned whether there be any two branches
of human knowledge between which it would be safe to say
that no connecting link could possibly exist. It is, at all
events, certain, that studies which appear at the first glance
to have nothing in common, have been often found capable of
rendering valuable assistance to one another. And it is no
small advantage that a society like the Royal Irish Academy
possesses, the meetings of which are attended by persons
who are engaged in all manner of dissimilar investigations,